



**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT**  
**Columbia, Louisiana**

**Annual Financial Statements**

**As of and for the Year Ended**  
**December 31, 2005**

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**Accountant's Compilation Report**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT  
Columbia, Louisiana

I have compiled the accompanying basic financial statements and supplemental information schedules, as listed in the foregoing table of contents, of the Columbia Heights Fire District as of December 31, 2005, and for the year then ended, in accordance with standards established by *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements and schedules, information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit Management's Discussion and Analysis which is supplemental information required by GASB. If the omitted information were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the district's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

I am not independent with respect to the Columbia Heights Fire District for the year ended December 31, 2005.

s/Carleen Dumas

Calhoun, Louisiana  
April 12, 2006

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## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Statement A****COLUMBIA HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT**  
Columbia, Louisiana**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
December 31, 2005

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$24,502
Investments	24,793
Receivables:	
Sales tax,	796
Charges for services	4,658
Capital assets, net	<u>84,996</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>139,745</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	<u>996</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Invested in capital assets	84,996
Unrestricted	<u>53,753</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$138,749</u></u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

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**Statement B**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Public safety - fire protection	<u>\$54,795</u>
<b>Program revenues:</b>	
Charges for services	18,214
Operating grant	<u>39,510</u>
Total program revenues	<u>57,724</u>
Net program income	<u>2,929</u>
<b>General revenues:</b>	
Sales taxes	8,581
State fire insurance rebate	6,437
Interest earnings	840
Other revenue	<u>412</u>
Total general revenues	<u>16,270</u>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	19,199
<b>Net assets - beginning</b>	<u>119,550</u>
<b>Net assets - ending</b>	<u><u>\$138,749</u></u>

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**Statement C**

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BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
December 31, 2005

	GENERAL FUND
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$24,502
Investments	24,793
Receivables:	
Sales tax	796
Charges for services	<u>4,658</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$54,749</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	
Liabilities - accounts payable	\$996
Fund balance - unreserved	<u>53,753</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u><u>\$54,749</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Fund To the Statement of Net Assets:</b>	
Fund balance - unreserved - General Fund	\$53,753
Amount reported for net assets of governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets (Statement A) is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund	<u>84,996</u>
Net assets of governmental activities (Statement A)	<u><u>\$138,749</u></u>

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**Statement D****COLUMBIA HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT**  
Columbia, Louisiana**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Sales taxes	\$8,581
Intergovernmental revenue:	
State - fire insurance rebate	6,437
Federal grant	39,510
Charges for services	18,214
Interest earnings	840
Other revenue	412
Total revenues	<u>73,994</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Public safety - fire protection:	
Current:	
Operating services	14,052
Materials and supplies	35,127
Travel and other	292
Capital outlay	14,000
Total expenditures	<u>63,471</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	10,523
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>43,230</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$53,753</u></u>

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**Statement D****COLUMBIA HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT**  
Columbia, Louisiana**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND (Contd.)**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
<b>Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities:</b>	
Net change in fund balance - General Fund	\$10,523
Amount reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.	<u>8,676</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u><u>\$19,199</u></u>

(Concluded)

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2005

## INTRODUCTION

The Columbia Heights Fire District was created by the Caldwell Parish Police Jury, on April 1, 1996, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1492. The district is governed by a five member board appointed by the police jury. Board members serve without benefit of compensation. The district is responsible for providing fire protection within the boundaries of the district.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the Columbia Heights Fire District is considered a component unit of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements maybe included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as a discrete component unit.

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Columbia Heights Fire District.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. All individual governmental funds and individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The Columbia Heights Fire District has only one governmental fund.

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**B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and  
Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, revenues are considered to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Sales taxes and charges for services associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the district.

The Columbia Heights Fire District reports the following governmental fund:

**General Fund**

The General fund is the general operating fund of the district and accounts for all financial resources.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

Cash includes amounts in interest-bearing demand deposits. State law allows the district to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days,

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they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. At December 31, 2005, the district's investments consist of a nonnegotiable certificate of deposit with an original maturity that exceeds 90 days that is reported in the accompanying financial statements at cost.

**D. Receivables**

The district receives a pro-rata share of a one-fourth of one percent parishwide (excluding the Town of Columbia) sales tax approved by the voters in Caldwell Parish on October 19, 1985 for fire protection in the parish. The sales tax is collected by the police jury and remitted to the district net of its pro-rata share of the cost of collection.

These statements contain no provision for uncollectible accounts. The district is of the opinion that such an allowance would be immaterial in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

**E. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which consist of buildings, land improvements, and equipment are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. All of the district's capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. The Columbia Heights Fire District maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Estimated Lives
Buildings	40 years
Land improvements - parking lot	20 years
Equipment	10 years

**F. Fund Equity**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change. At December 31, 2005, the district's governmental fund balance was unreserved and undesignated.

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**G. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures, and revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**4. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY**

**A. Budget Information**

The Columbia Heights Fire District uses the following budget practices:

A proposed budget for the General Fund, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, is formally adopted by the board of commissioners at the December board meeting each year. The budget is established and controlled by the board at the object level of expenditure.

Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. Encumbrance accounting is not used by the district. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board of commissioners.

Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget. There were no budget amendments during the year.

**B. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations**

The General Fund had actual expenditures over budgeted expenditures of \$32,271 or 103% of total final budgeted expenditures.

**3. DEPOSITS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

At December 31, 2005, the district has cash and investments as follows:

Interest-bearing checking account	\$23,308
Savings account	1,194
Certificates of deposit	<u>24,793</u>

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Total \$49,295

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. Cash and investments (bank balances) at December 31, 2005, are fully secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, is as follows:

	Balance at January 1, 2005	Increases	Decreases	Balance at December 31, 2005
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	\$35,465			\$35,465
Land improvements	5,629			5,629
Equipment	43,569	\$14,000		57,569
Total	84,663	14,000	NONE	98,663
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	1,035	887		1,922
Land improvements	310	263		573
Equipment	6,998	4,174		11,172
Total	8,343	5,324	NONE	13,667
Total assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$76,320</u>	<u>\$8,676</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$84,996</u>

Depreciation expense of \$5,324 for the year ended December 31, 2005 was charged to the public safety - fire protection governmental function.

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## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -  
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Budgeted .....Amounts.....		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis - GAAP)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Sales taxes	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$8,581	\$2,181
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State - fire insurance rebate	6,000	6,000	6,437	437
Federal grant			39,510	39,510
Charges for services	18,000	18,000	18,214	214
Interest earnings	800	800	840	40
Other revenue			412	412
Total revenues	<u>31,200</u>	<u>31,200</u>	<u>73,994</u>	<u>42,794</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Public safety - fire protection:				
Operating services	10,700	10,700	14,052	(3,352)
Materials and supplies	7,500	7,500	35,127	(27,627)
Travel and other	300	300	292	8
Capital outlay	12,700	12,700	14,000	(1,300)
Total expenditures	<u>31,200</u>	<u>31,200</u>	<u>63,471</u>	<u>(32,271)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	NONE	NONE	10,523	10,523
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>43,230</u>	<u>43,230</u>	<u>43,230</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$43,230</u>	<u>\$43,230</u>	<u>\$53,753</u>	<u>\$10,523</u>

There were no budget amendments during the year ended December 31, 2005.

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**OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES**

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**STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

The follow-up and corrective action taken on all prior year findings is presented in Schedule 2.

**CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND  
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

The corrective action plan for current year findings is presented in Schedule 3.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

Reference Number	Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred	Description of Finding	Corrective Action Taken	Planned Corrective Action
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There were no prior year findings.

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CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND  
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Description of Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Planned</u>	<u>Name of Contact Person</u>	<u>Anticipated Completion Date</u>
N/A	Actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by \$32,271 or 103%.	For 2006, a budget amendment will be adopted when actual expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by 5% or more.	Ronnie Darden, Treasurer	12/31/06

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